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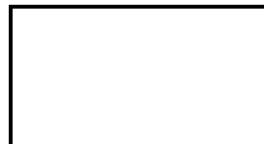
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SUBJECT: Census Bureau Report on Soviet Trade

This report is less startling than Lionel thinks. In fact, the statistics he cites in his letter closely track recent CIA reporting.

- The Census Bureau report puts Soviet imports from non-socialist countries at 50 percent of total imports in 1981. The CIA figure is 49 percent.
- Like most non-CIA studies this one, done primarily by Vlad Trembl, uses Soviet national income as opposed to Soviet GNP. The national income figure, which does not include services, is 70-72 percent of the GNP figure that CIA uses. This accounts for any seeming discrepancy in points 2 and 3 of Lionel's letter.
- The "startling" finding that imported machinery comprises 15-20 percent of all newly installed equipment in the USSR comes from including Soviet imports from Eastern Europe, which account for 75 percent of Soviet machinery imports.
- CIA's estimate of imported consumer goods and agricultural products is the same--15 percent of all consumption.

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